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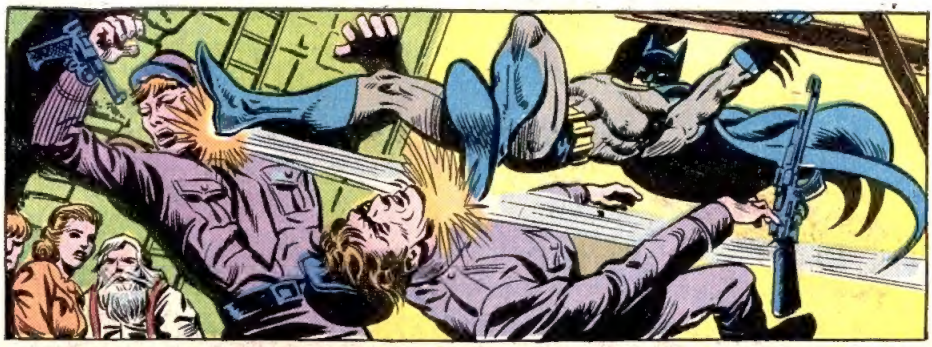

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YES, SIR!
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MAJOR, OUR ORDERS ARE TO PERMIT NO ONE ABOARD THIS AIRCRAFT!
CORRECT! I GAVE THOSE ORDERS!
STAND ASIDE! I'M HERE TO SEARCH IT!
A FEW MOMENTS-- THEN A SUDDEN ROAR...
THE JETS ARE ON! IT IS TAKING OFF!
STOP OR WE'LL SHOOT!
THE BULLETS ARE BOUNCING OFF!
ALERT THE AIR COMMAND!
NO USE! THIS JET IS FASTER THAN ANY OF OURS!
NOW, AS HE ROCKETS TOWARDS HIS NEXT DESTINATION, THE DARKNIGHT DETECTIVE REVIEWS THE TUMULTUOUS EVENTS OF THE PAST TWELVE HOURS...
"WHAT DO I KNOW SO FAR?-- THREE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, STRANGERS TO EACH OTHERS, ARRIVE IN GOTHAM YESTERDAY... TRY TO CONTACT ME... AND ALL THREE ARE MURDERED?..."
"FROM THE EFFECTS OF ONE VICTIM--ALDO FONDI, OF ITALY--AND AN ADDRESS BOOK GIVEN ME BY HIS FIANCÉE, PAMELA DREW, I BACKTRACK FONDI'S TRAIL TO BUDAPEST..."
"THERE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TELL ME THAT MONTHS AGO, FONDI PLOTTED TO HELP THE GREAT HUNGARIAN PHYSICIST, DR. LUCAS NAGY, TO DEFECT; BUT NAGY VANISHED, AND WAS THOUGHT EITHER IN PRISON OR DEAD..."
"NOW IT APPEARS THAT NAGY MAY BE ALIVE, BUT HAS BEEN MISSING ALL THESE MONTHS! DISCOVERING THIS POSSIBILITY IS WHAT MADE FONDI RUSH TO GOTHAM TO CONTACT ME!... WHY? ...WHY?..."
"BUT THE OTHER TWO VICTIMS--ZAMORA OF PANAMA AND SENGHOR OF BURUNDI--MUST SOMEHOW BE INVOLVED IN ALL THIS... SO I'VE GOT TO BACKTRACK THEM, TOO, STARTING HERE IN BURUNDI!"

ONCE AGAIN THE BATMAN CHANGES IDENTITY--AND THEN DELIBERATELY FLOUTS BURUNDI AUTHORITY...
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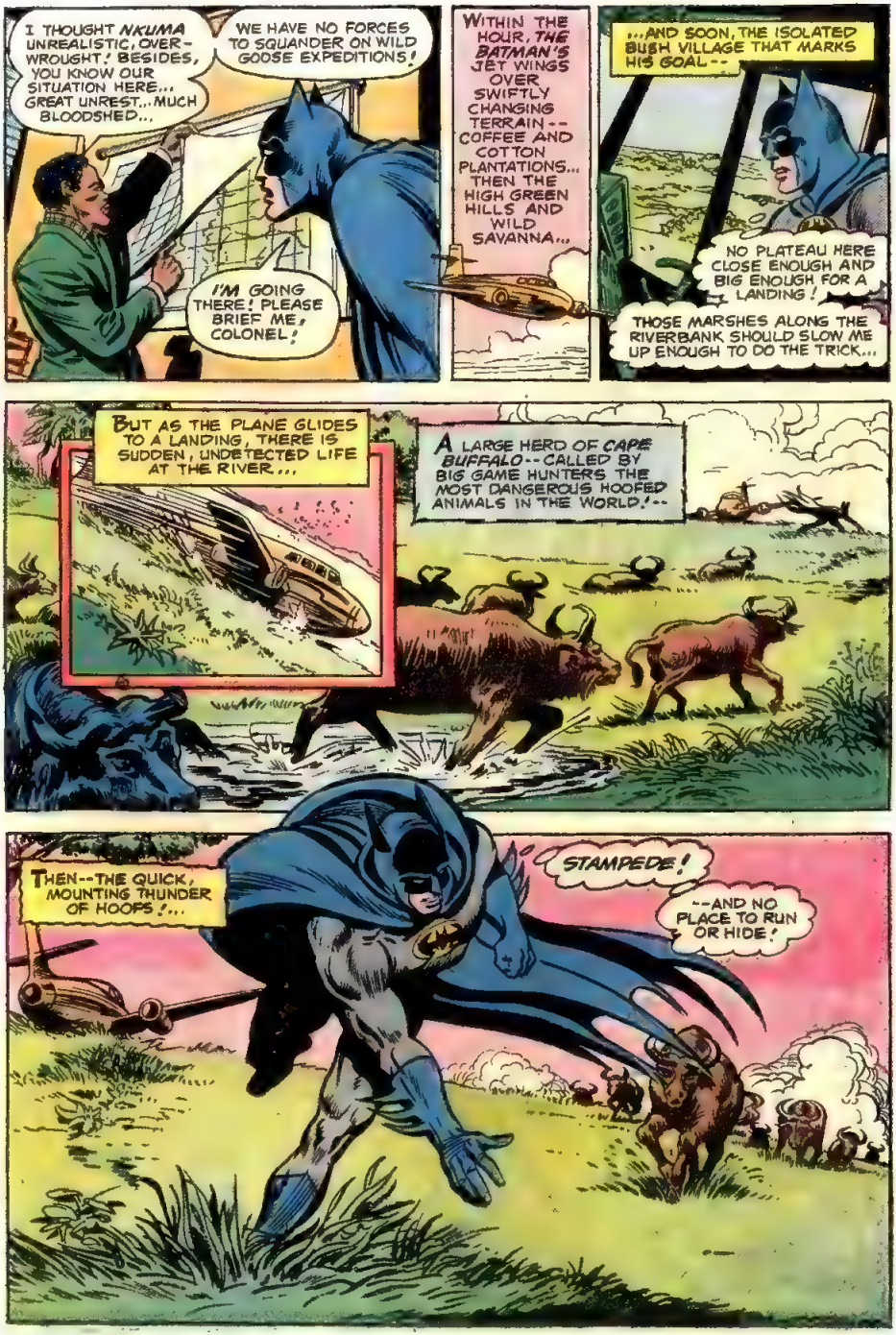
LISTEN CAREFULLY!
GOTHAM... U.N. DELEGATION FROM BURUNDI... YOU IN CHARGE OF SECURITY... SUNDAY NIGHT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT--
WHAT?! IS IT POSSIBLE?
YOU-- HERE?!
IT IS YOU-- THE BATMAN-- MY DEAR FRIEND!
I'LL MAKE IT SHORT AND GIVE YOU THE DETAILS LATER!
NKUMA SENGHOR WAS MURDERED IN GOTHAM LAST NIGHT!
MURDERED?... IN GOTHAM CITY?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW HE'D GONE THERE?
NO! HE ALWAYS WORKED ALONE! MOREOVER, HE WAS ANGRY WITH ME!
HE HAD TOLD ME A BIZARRE STORY ABOUT AN ABANDONED CHURCH IN THE LARGELY UNMAPPED NORTH COUNTRY... BEING USED BY WHITE MEN FOR SOME MYSTERIOUS PURPOSE...


I THOUGHT NKUMA UNREALISTIC, OVER-WROUGHT! BESIDES, YOU KNOW OUR SITUATION HERE... GREAT UNREST... MUCH BLOODSHED...
WE HAVE NO FORCES TO SQUANDER ON WILD GOOSE EXPEDITIONS!
I'M GOING THERE! PLEASE BRIEF ME, COLONEL!
WITHIN THE HOUR, THE BATMAN'S JET WINGS OVER SWIFTLY CHANGING TERRAIN -- COFFEE AND COTTON PLANTATIONS... THEN THE HIGH GREEN HILLS AND WILD SAVANNA...
...AND SOON, THE ISOLATED BUSH VILLAGE THAT MARKS HIS GOAL --
NO PLATEAU HERE CLOSE ENOUGH AND BIG ENOUGH FOR A LANDING!
THOSE MARSHES ALONG THE RIVERBANK SHOULD SLOW ME UP ENOUGH TO DO THE TRICK...
BUT AS THE PLANE GLIDES TO A LANDING, THERE IS SUDDEN, UNDETECTED LIFE AT THE RIVER...
A LARGE HERD OF CAPE BUFFALO -- CALLED BY BIG GAME HUNTERS THE MOST DANGEROUS HOOFED ANIMALS IN THE WORLD! --
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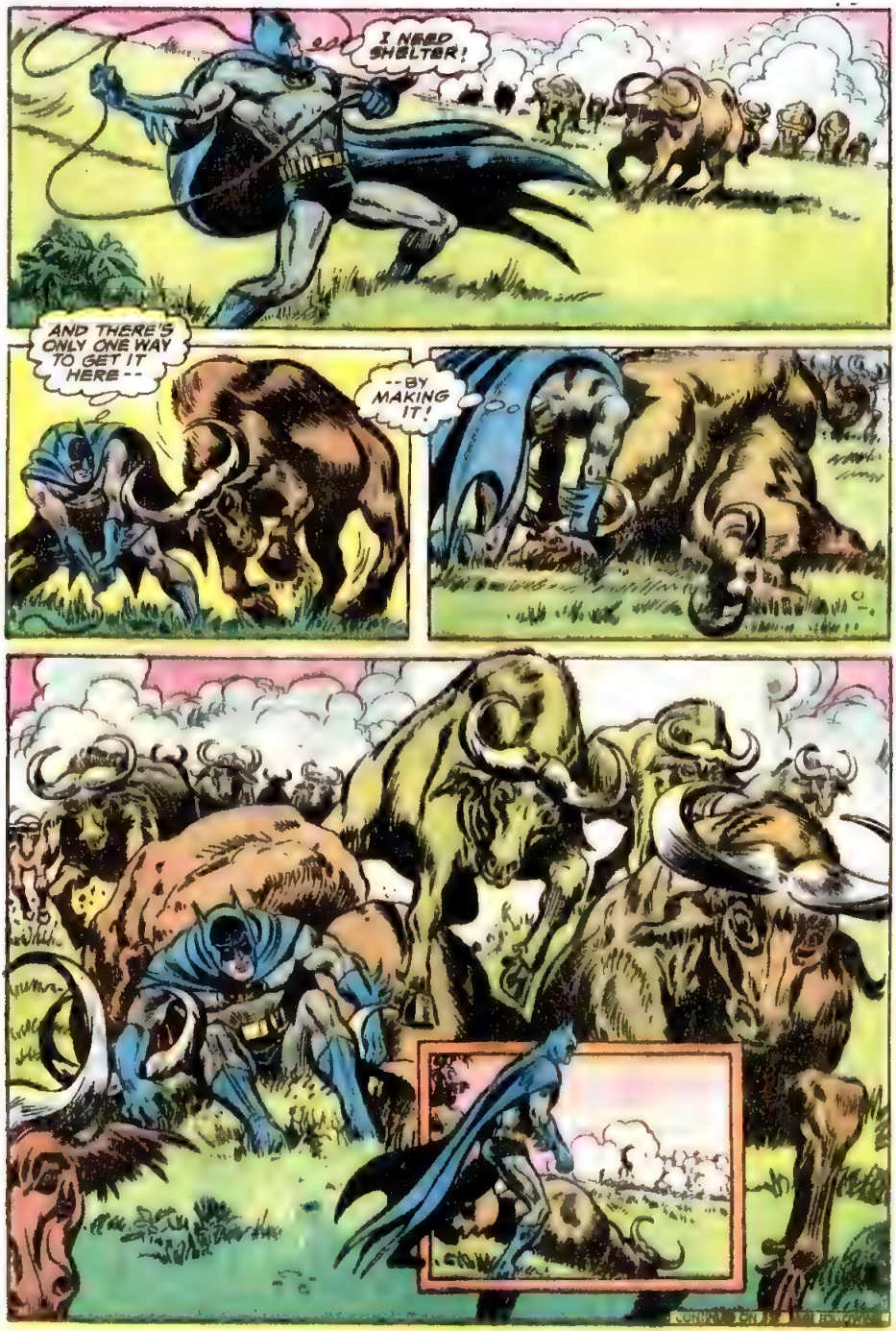
STAMPEDE!
-- AND NO PLACE TO RUN OR HIDE!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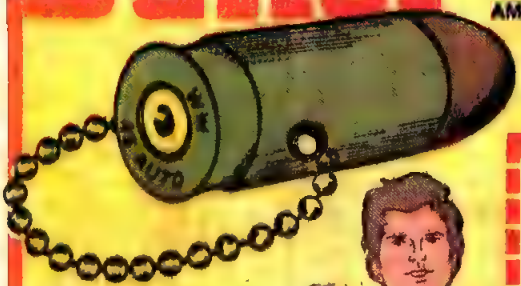

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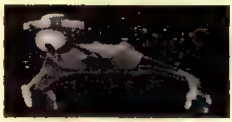

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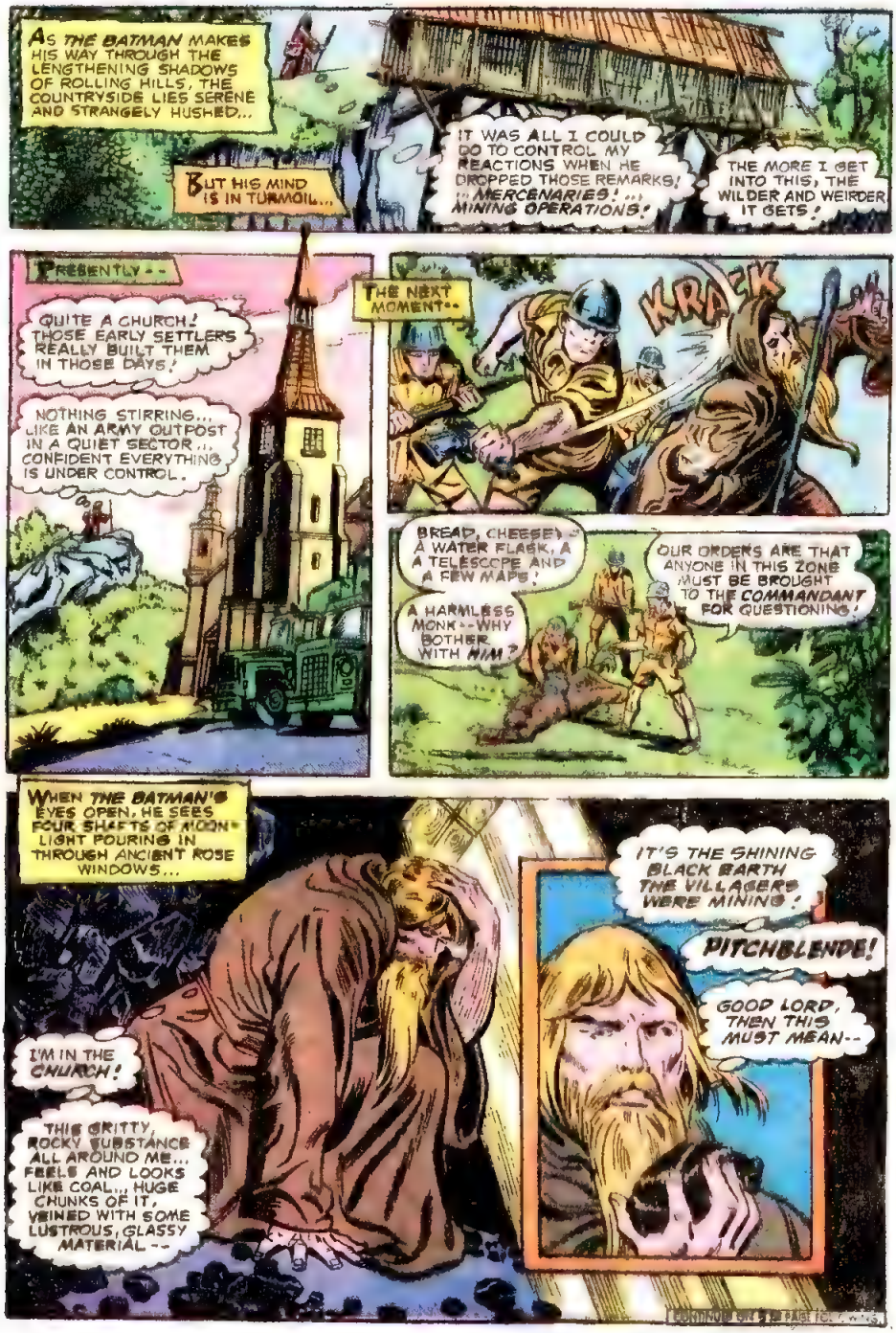
VISITORS ARE FEW IN THESE REGIONS, AND FRIARS RARE INDEED. YOU ARE MOST WELCOME, BROTHER, WHATEVER YOUR PILGRIMAGE HERE...
I AM A MAPMAKER AND HISTORIAN, PASTOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY, BUT I MUST PRESS ON--
--I SEEK A LONG ABANDONED CHURCH HEREABOUTS...
THE OLD CHURCH? YES, IT'S NOT FAR OFF--
--BUT I MUST WARN YOU IT IS GUARDED DAY AND NIGHT BY MERCENARY TROOPS!
WHOSE MERCENARY TROOPS?
NO ONE KNOWS... BUT UNTIL RECENTLY, THERE WERE WHITE MEN ABOUT--
--USING THE CHURCH FOR SOMETHING TO DO WITH MINING OPERATIONS IN A NEARBY HILL.
I QUESTIONED THEM, BUT ALL THEY SAID WAS THAT THEY WERE DIGGING "SHINING BLACK EARTH"!
NOW, EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THE WHITES HAVE LEFT, THE MERCENARIES STILL WILL LET NO ONE APPROACH THAT CHURCH!
YOU MUST NOT VENTURE THERE! THOSE MEN ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!
I HAVE DEALT WITH DANGEROUS MEN BEFORE, PASTOR!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BUT HIS MIND IS IN TURMOIL...
IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TO CONTROL MY REACTIONS WHEN HE DROPPED THOSE REMARKS! ...MERCENARIES!... MINING OPERATIONS!
THE MORE I GET INTO THIS, THE WILDER AND WEIRDER IT GETS!
PRESENTLY--
QUITE A CHURCH! THOSE EARLY SETTLERS REALLY BUILT THEM IN THOSE DAYS!
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I'M IN THE CHURCH!
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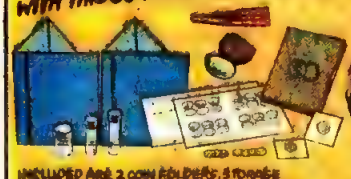

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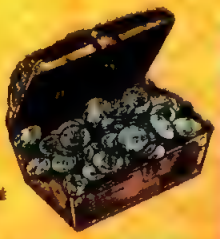

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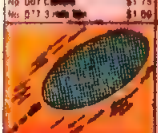

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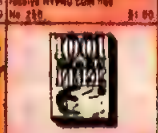

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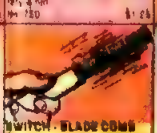

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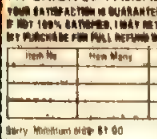

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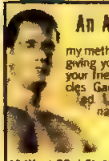

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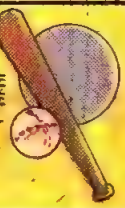

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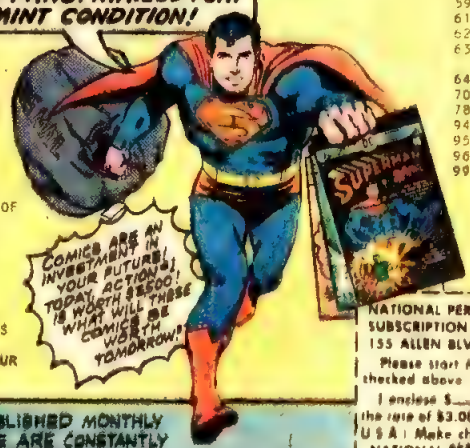

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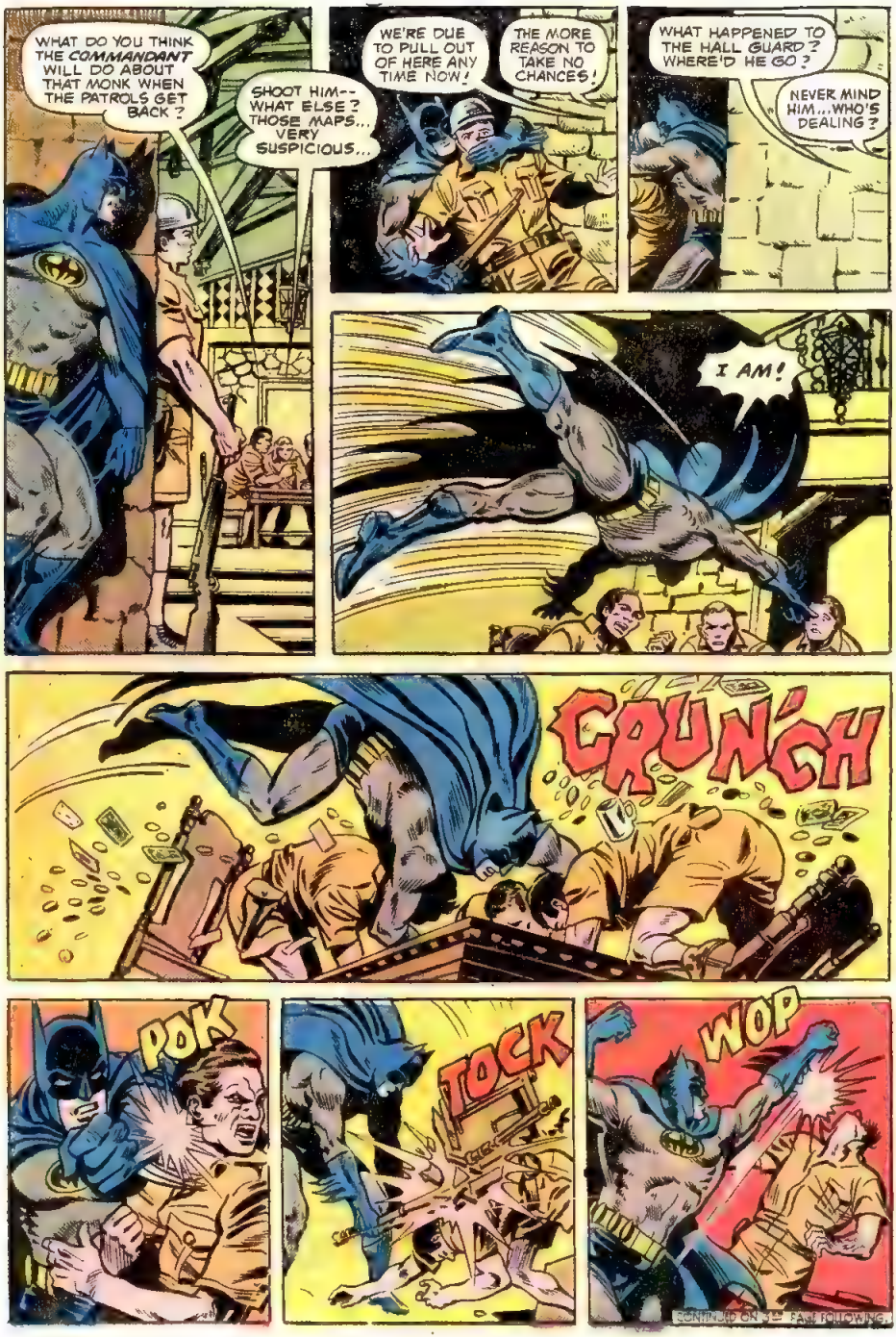
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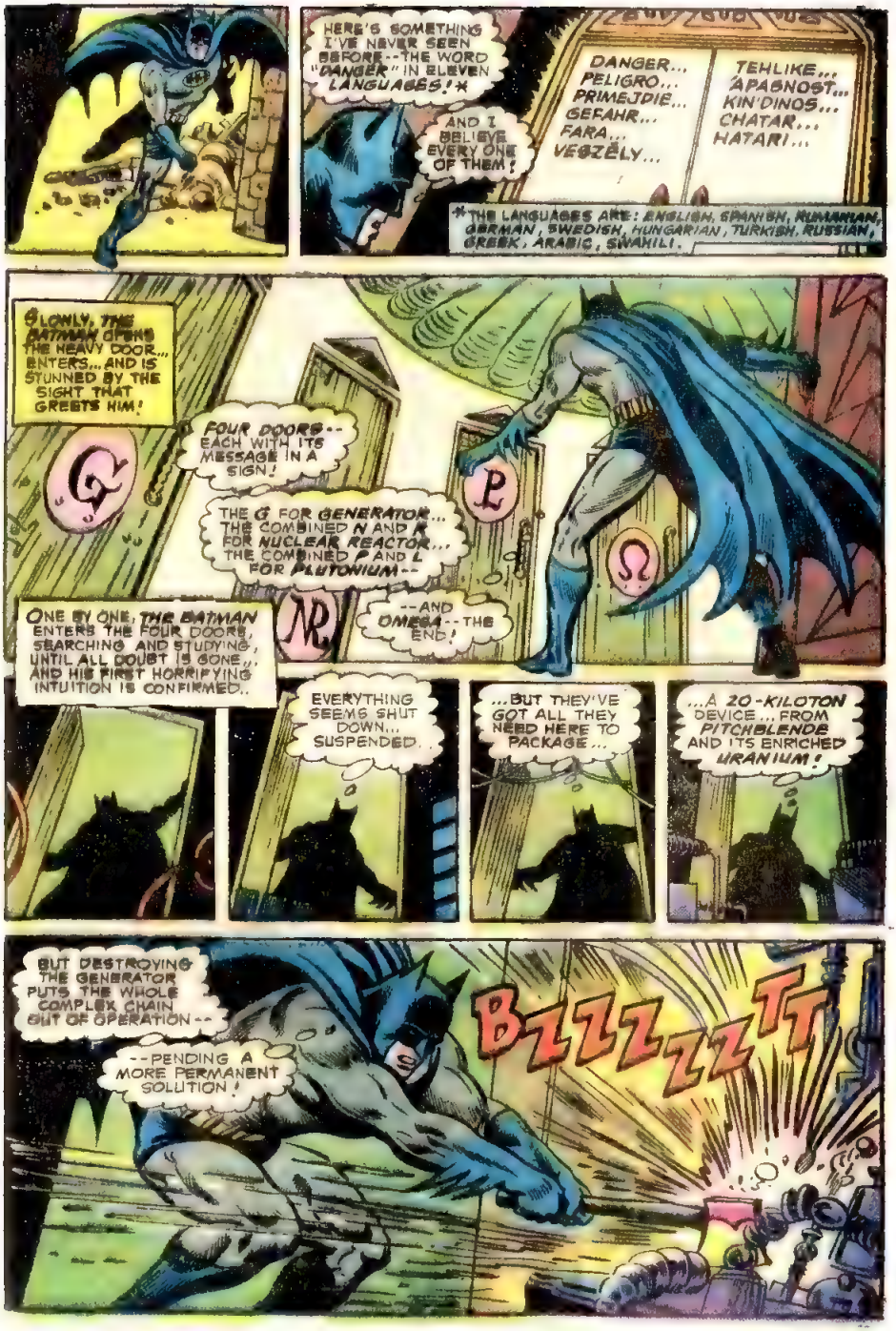
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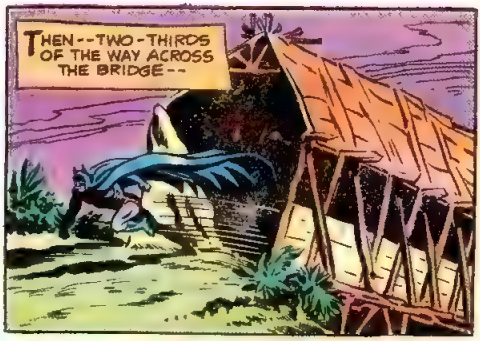
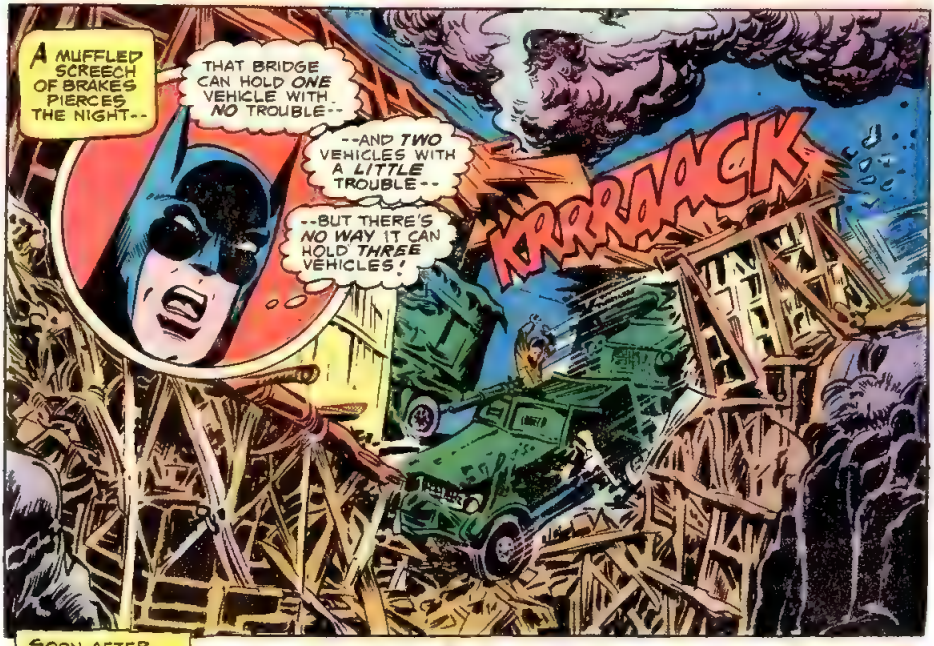
SWIFTLY, HE CHECKS THE ROW OF TRUCKS UNTIL --
UH-HUH! -- AN AUTHORIZATION TO CROSS THE BORDER INTO TANZANIA!
AND A PERMIT TO THE PORT AREA OF DAR ES SALAAM -- BOTH OF THEM DATED TWO WEEKS AGO!
I'VE GOT SOME OF THE PIECES TOGETHER NOW -- AND WITH ANY LUCK --
WHAT'S THAT SOUND I HEAR?
THE PATROLS!
ARMORED CARRIERS! MACHINE GUNS AND A LIGHT CANNON!
BOOM!
I CAN'T POSSIBLY OUTRUN THEM -- BUT IF I MAKE IT TO THAT COVERED BRIDGE --
THREE MIRACULOUS MINUTES LATER --
MADE IT!
NOW -- LIGHTS OFF!


THEN--TWO-THIRDS OF THE WAY ACROSS THE BRIDGE--

HERE THEY COME!
THEY WON'T SEE THE TRUCK TILL IT'S TOO LATE!


A MUFFLED SCREECH OF BRAKES PIERCES THE NIGHT--
THAT BRIDGE CAN HOLD ONE VEHICLE WITH NO TROUBLE--
--AND TWO VEHICLES WITH A LITTLE TROUBLE--
--BUT THERE'S NO WAY IT CAN HOLD THREE VEHICLES!
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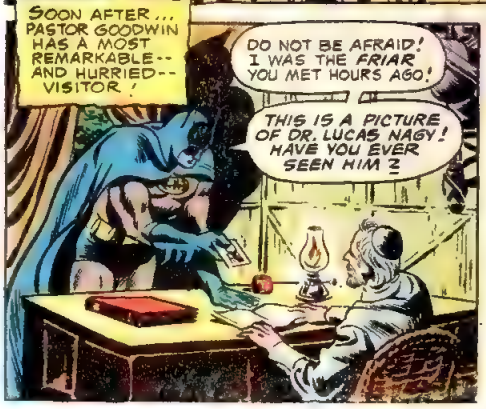
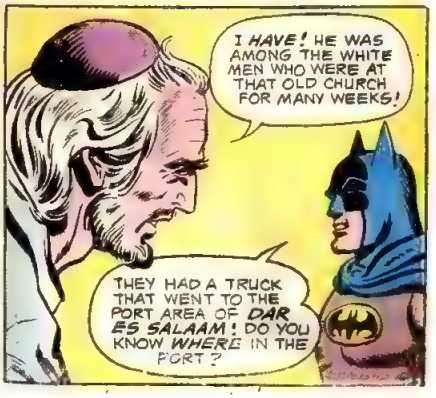

SOON AFTER... PASTOR GOODWIN HAS A MOST REMARKABLE-- AND HURRIED-- VISITOR!
DO NOT BE AFRAID! I WAS THE FRIAR YOU MET HOURS AGO!
THIS IS A PICTURE OF DR. LUCAS NAGY! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN HIM?


I HAVE! HE WAS AMONG THE WHITE MEN WHO WERE AT THAT OLD CHURCH FOR MANY WEEKS!
THEY HAD A TRUCK THAT WENT TO THE PORT AREA OF DAR ES SALAAM! DO YOU KNOW WHERE IN THE PORT?

YES! TWO OF OUR PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED AS BEARERS ON THE TRIP! THEY WENT TO A SHIP NAMED THE MIRAMAR!
THANK YOU, PASTOR! YOU'VE HELPED ME WHEN I NEEDED IT MOST!
AND AS ABRUPTLY AS HE HAD APPEARED.. THE WRAITHLIKE VISITOR IS GONE!
WELL, NOW...
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OMEGA RECEIVING PG, START TRANSMISSION..
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HE'S BEEN TO THE LABORATORIES. I DON'T KNOW YET WHAT HAPPENED THERE; BUT HE GOT IN AND OUT..
I ANSWERED ALL HIS QUESTIONS AS INSTRUCTED AND HE'S ON HIS WAY!
WELL DONE, PG! PACK UP YOUR GEAR AND LEAVE THERE--YOUR FUNCTION IS ENDED!
SPLENDID! THE BATMAN'S HANDLED EVERYTHING WE'VE THROWN AT HIM SO FAR--AND HE'S MOVING EVEN FASTER THAN WE EXPECTED!
FINE, FINE! WE'RE READY FOR HIM!
AND YOU, PAMELA DREW, BETTER GET BACK TO THAT HOTEL WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY!
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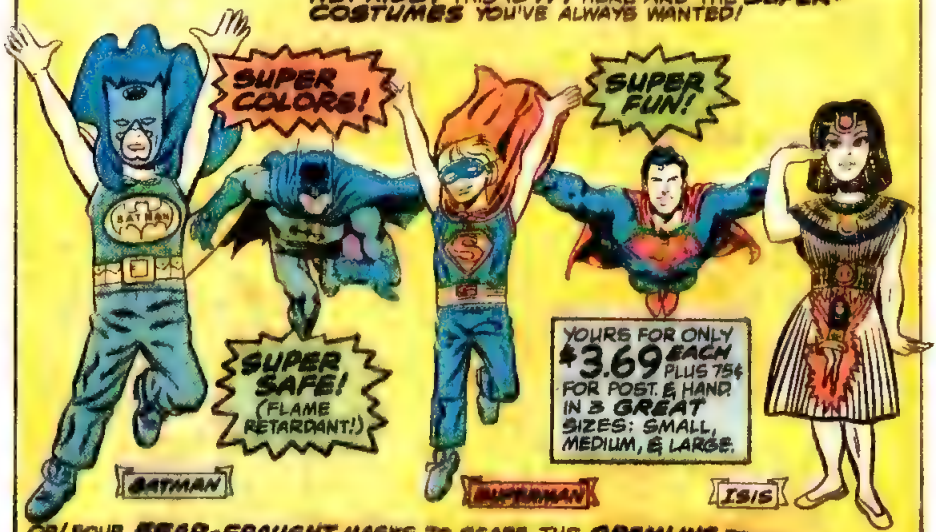
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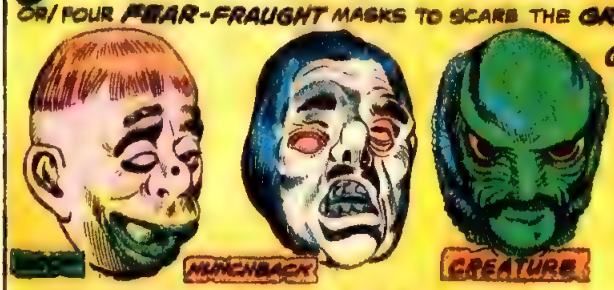

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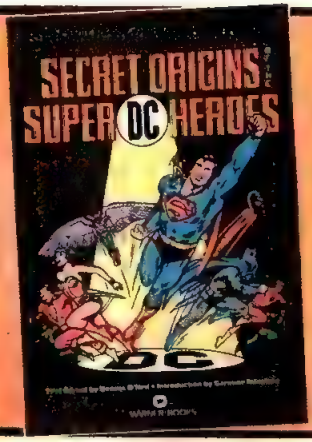

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THE MIRAMAR SAILED FROM DAR ES SALAAM TWELVE DAYS AGO FOR PANAMA!
WHERE ARE YOU?
ON MY WAY TO PANAMA!--OVER AND OUT!
IT HAD TO BE PANAMA! THAT'S WHERE JORGE ZAMORA CAME FROM TO TRY CONTACTING ME!
HE MUST HAVE A PART IN THIS WHOLE DIABOLICAL PICTURE COMING INTO FOCUS!
THERE ARE STILL UNANSWERED QUESTIONS... BUT WHAT ELSE CAN IT BE EXCEPT AN INSANE TERRORIST CONSPIRACY TO BLOW UP-- PULVERIZE!--THE PANAMA CANAL?
BANG! BANG!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! WE'RE GOING INTO A DIVE!
DOWN... DOWN... DOWN... THE PLANE PLUNGES EARTHWARD WITH INCREASING VELOCITY--BUT NO PARACHUTES ARE SEEN!
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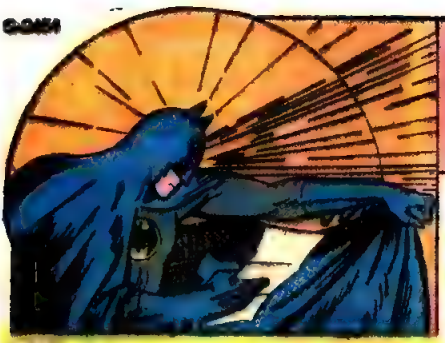

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Dear Mr. Schwartz,

David V. Reed has finally done it! He's written a mystery story that was a mystery until the very last page. "Stop Me Before I Kill in **BATMAN #378** had an exciting plot, a mystifying mystery and an answer that seemed simple when revealed. I followed the story closely, trying to see if I could outwit **Batman** by coming up with the solution first. By page 11, I thought I had it completely figured out. And when Kittridge disclosed his theory to Bruce Wayne, I thought he'd outsmarted **Batman** as well because we had almost the same thoughts.

Of course, **Batman** knew the real answer all along, proving that any man who can beat a Scotland Yard inspector deserves the title "World's Greatest Detective"!

Speaking of Inspector Kittridge, I'd like to compliment David on the creation of this character. It probably took a lot of restraint to leave out such phrases as "Blimey" and "Good show, old chap!" However, he did so and I'm glad because it kept Kittridge from becoming another stereotyped foreigner in an American comic book.

MIKE WHITE, Mackinaw, Ill.

(David V. Reed has finally done it, all right! He's inspired three different correspondents to open their letters with the same sentence—though each has a different opinion about just what Dave has done!—BR)

Dear Bob,

David V. Reed has finally done it! He's brought **Batman** down to the quality of the mid-'50's with his tale in **BATMAN #378.** Dave gave us a bad plot, worse dialogue, no characterization, dumb-looking villains, uninteresting plot twists, and illogical clues—all of which add up to one lousy story!

The most obvious pitfall was the clues which were supposedly given to the reader. These clues could have been taken from a **Batman** TV episode. As on the show, when **Batman** heard about a robbery, he immediately connected it with a single crook. Here, he interprets a walking doll as referring to Mr. Walker. It wasn't even a boy doll—so why wasn't the clue pointing to Mrs. Walker?

DAVE WILLCOX, Arlington Hts., Ill.

Dear Editor,

David V. Reed has finally done it! He has come up with a super-villain all his own and proved that his stories are not to be ignored.

This is one insane villain who fits **Batman's** skills to a T! The Wringer is such a maniac that he made the story spooky, unlike the comparatively corny creeks like The Joker, Riddler and Penguin. Too bad The Wringer's caper seems to be a one-shot!

Inspector Kittridge was an interesting and well-defined character and I hope he becomes a regular part of the Bat-cast.

By the way, Dave seems to be cutting down on the corny comments: the ones he did put in "Stop Me Before I Kill!" didn't bother the story at all.

PHIL GLADSTONE, Belgrade Lakes, Me.

(And now, the engaging quessie for the identity of the ever-present, ever-mysterious David V. Reed!—BR)

Dear Editor:

I would actually swear that I have deciphered David V. Reed's true identity . . . but unfortunately, Sir Noel Coward is dead. No matter — his drawing room attack lives on in **BATMAN.** How long it will survive there is anyone's guess. But in past stories Reed has also given us stories in the style of Damon Runyon, Shirley Jackson and, if you look closely, Kurt Vonnegut. That's fine with me, but when he gets to Mickey Spillane, I quit!

BOB RODI, Oak Brook, Ill.

. . . David V. Reed is, in reality, Isaac Asimov!

JOHN J. PAINE, Edgewater Park, N.J.

. . . I have finally figured out who David V. Reed is. You once said that the letters in his name were part of his real name. Well, I think the RE in Reed stands for the initials of Ric Estrada!

CARY KILLINGBACK, Turrington, Conn.

. . . I'm not sure but I think I may have cracked this "Who is David V. Reed" mystery. I recently read an article in a magazine and the biographical note afterwards. It stated that the author was an advertising copywriter who also "ghosted for comics". Now there aren't that many people who write comics to begin with, especially under an assumed name. So my guess is that David V. Reed is really copywriter Roger Dumas!

WILLIAM B. MADDOCKS, Long Beach, Ind.

In regard to the past year-and-a-half fan hunt for the identity of David Reed, I present the following evidence.

A copy of **THE BEST SCIENCE FICTION STORIES AND NOVELS: 1956** was given to me by two friends who were moving and planned to throw it out. And while curiously noting the titles of stories by sf writer A.E. van Vogt, I by sheer chance came upon the solution to comicdom's most present mystery. David V. Reed is a pseudonym for David Vern!

JERRY A. GRABBER, Tampa, Fla.

(Right, Jerry! You're the second one to discover the truth—and as we said a few issues ago when it was first revealed, that's Dave's *legal* name . . . so you still don't know who he *really* is! We've one—and *only* one—clue to help you with that mystery. Dave's real name was once used for a character in a Schwartz-edited issue of *STRANGE SPORTS STORIES* some years ago!

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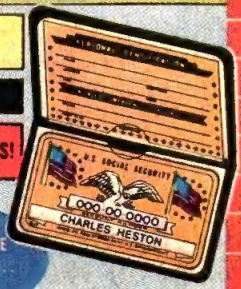

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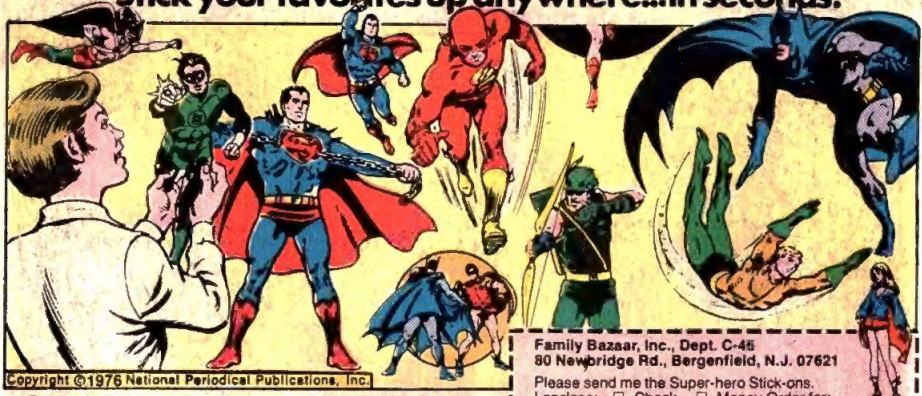

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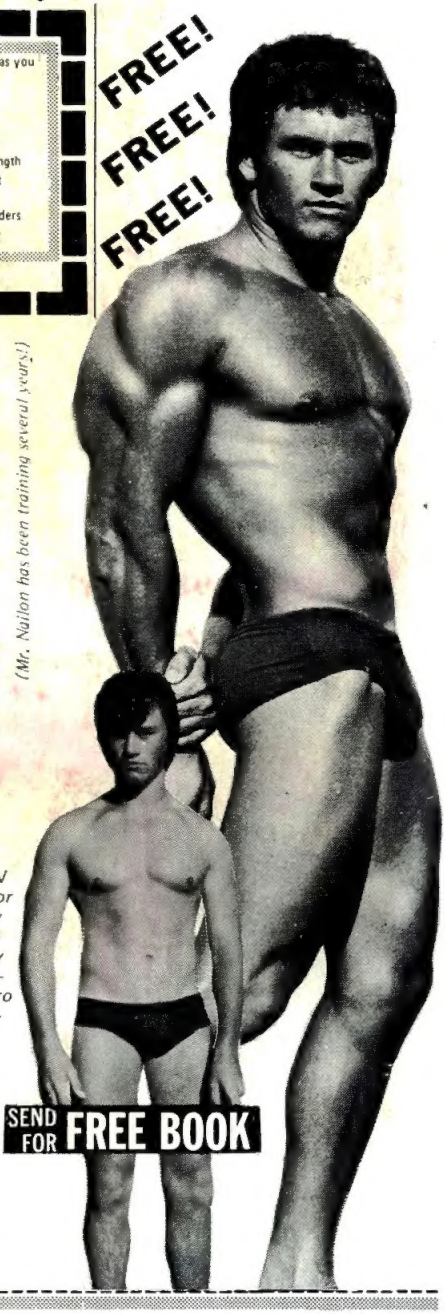

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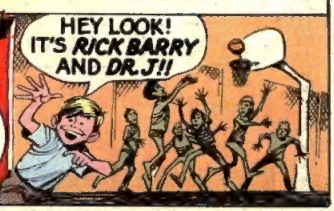

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